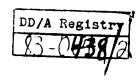
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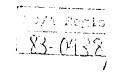
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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Members of the Language Development Committee			
FROM:	Executive Secretary, Language Development Committee	STAT		
SUBJECT:	Minutes of the 14 February 1983 Language Development Committee			
Administration, Deputy	nt: James H. McDonald, Associate Deputy Director for Chairman, Language Development Committee (LDC);  y Chief, Production Group, Foreign Broadcast Information prate of Science and Technology (DDS&T), alternate DDS&T	STAT STAT		
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and Germanic La Office of Reseau instruction in elicit the supp for budgetary at all members of there are other take precedence send a memorand initiative. A	ommittee was briefed by Chief, Slavic nguages Department, OTE Language School, on a proposed rch and Development initiative on computer assisted foreign languages. The purpose of this briefing was to ort of the LDC for the initiative before it is presented propriation. Although the initiative was agreeable to the LDC present, the DDS&T representative stated that S&T iniatives up for appropriation which he felt might in his case. It was decided that the Chairman would um to the DDS&T stating the committee's support of the copy of Mr. McDonald's memorandum dated 23 February 1983	STAT		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:

James H. McDonald

Chairman, Language Development Committee

SUBJECT:

ORD New Initiative Entitled "Language School

Upgrade"

1. The Language Development Committee (LDC) was briefed on 14 February concerning the above-mentioned ORD initiative, an integrated computer-based training system for the Language School. I am writing to express the LDC's strong support of this new initiative.

2. As you know, one of the charges of the LDC is to document the accumulated foreign language competence of the Agency. We have been gratified over the past few years to note modest increases in the Agency's linguistic capability, increases that have been brought about not only by hiring language-qualified personnel, but particularly by increasing the amount of language training that we do. Until recently the Language School has been able to hire additional staff to accommodate increased training requirements. In the future, while requirements levied on the Language School are likely to continue to increase, concomitant increases in staffing levels may not be possible. Clearly, if we are to maintain or increase our critical language skills, we must find ways to better utilize the manpower we have. to do this is through interactive computer-based training. significant activity of the proposed project would be to put in place a Computer Learning Laboratory in which students, instructors, and staff of the Language School can educate themselves about computer learning in general and our curriculum in particular so that the final products of the project will have the best chance of successful implementation.

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3. In sum, we are convinced of the criticality of the need for this project and are impressed by its technical merit. We urge you to give this proposed project a high priority in your ranking of DS&T New Initiatives for FY 1985.

Strait France M. McDonald

James H. McDonald Chairman Language Development Committee

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